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1. NUMEROUS ARTICLES IN THE CENTRAL DAILY AND WEEKLY PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND REFLECT AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO REBUT ALLEGED FRG POSITIONS ON RELATIONS WITH POLAND. FRG INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER WAS TAKEN TO TASK BY TRYBUNA LUDU (MARCH 8-9) FOR HAVING CITED NAZI REPORTS USED IN BLAMING POLAND FOR THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II AS PART OF THE FRG "DOCUMENTATION"

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ON ALLEGED CRIMES AGAINST GERMANS. ARTICLES IN PERSPEKTYWY

DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENTARY TERMS THE "CRIMINAL" RESETTLEMENT OF POLES FROM LANDS TAKEN BY GERMANY IN THE EARLY PART OF THE WAR, IN OBVIOUS REPLY TO CURRENT GERMAN CHARGES AGAINST POLAND FOR ALLEGED CRIMES ARISING FROM THE POST-WAR RESETTLEMENT OF GERMAN ETHNICS. A COLUMN IN TRYBUNA LUDU (MARCH 10) ENVOKED ALLEGED EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS TO SHOW THAT GERMAN CIVILIANS SUFFERED FROM THEIR OWN LEADERS WHO IN SOME INSTANCES SHOT THOSE WHO REFUSED EVACUATION FROM THE WROCLAW AREA DURING THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE WAR. ZYCIE WARSZAWY'S BONN CORRESPONDENT ARGUED ON MARCH 10 THAT MANY POLES WHO HAVE EMIGRATED TO GERMANY UNDER THE PROGRAM TO REUNITE FAMILIES THERE ARE DISILLUSIONED AND WANT TO RETURN TO POLAND, ADDING THAT THE FRG HAS NOT CONSIDERED THE HUMAN PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THIS RESETTLEMENT.

2. IN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COMMENT, MIECZYSLAW RAKOWSKI IN POLITYKA (MARCH 8) ATTACKS THE SCHMIDT-GENSCHER REGIME SPECIFICALLY FOR NOT REACTING ENERGETICALLY TO ALLEGED EFFORTS IN GERMANY TO DISTORT THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL CONTENT OF THE TREATY WITH POLAND AND, IMPLICITLY, FOR USING PUBLIC OPINION TO PRESSURE POLAND. HE FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT BONN RECENTLY HAS INTENTIONALLY ALLOWED THE VIEW TO DEVELOP THAT POLAND HAS STIFFENED ITS POLICY TOWARD THE FRG AND THAT IT HAS ALL ALONG VIEWED GERMANY AS "A MILCH COW". DENYING THAT POLAND IS USING FAMILY REUNIFICATION AS A BARGAINING POINT ON COMPENSATION, RAKOWSKI CONTENDS THAT THE GOP'S LINKAGE OF THESE MATTERS REPRESENTS A LOGICAL EFFORT TO RESOLVE ALL THE COMPLEX ISSUES TOGETHER. RAKOWSKI CONCLUDES THAT POLAND WILL NOT BE PRESSURED AND THAT THE NEXT STEP TOWARD NORMALIZATION IS UP TO THE FRG.

3. A NORMALLY RELIABLE POLISH TELEVISION JOURNALIST TOLD US LAST WEEK THAT, IN CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY, GIEREK WILL GIVE A SPEECH ON MAY 9 AT OSWIECIM ON THE SUBJECT OF NAZI WAR CRIMES. HIS AUDIENCE WILL BE 100,000 POLISH FORMER INMATES OF NAZI CAMPS.

4. COMMENT: THE THEMES OF THE HEAVY WEEKEND ANTI-GERMAN PRESS CAMPAIGN UNDOUBTEDLY WERE SELECTED AND ORCHESTRATED.  
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TRATED BY THE GOP WITH AN EYE ON THE NEXT ROUND OF FRG-POLISH SOCIAL SECURITY NEGOTIATIONS, REPORTED BY BONN IN REF A AS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK. THE INTENSITY OF THE CAMPAIGN AND THE REPORTED MAY 9 SPEECH BY GIEREK SUGGEST THAT THE POLES HAVE DECIDED TO KEEP THE ISSUE OF INDEMNIFICATION TO FORMER CAMP INMATES EMOTIONALLY POLITICIZED UNLESS THE GERMANS AGREE TO A SETTLEMENT IN TERMS WHICH THE GIEREK LEADERSHIP WILL BE ABLE TO DEPICT AS A VICTORY

IN ITS APPROACH TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH  
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